GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY RELATED TIES WITH USA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have a proposal to establish security related ties with the United States of America; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) India and the United States are strengthening mutually beneficial defence cooperation in pursuit of the shared goal of advancing peace, security and prosperity in Asia and beyond. Besides discussing defence and security issues in regional and international contexts at the political levels, the two sides have revived the institutional framework of dialogue and cooperation in defence, covering international security environment, military-military exchanges, defence supplies and technical cooperation in defence production. The two sides are also engaged in consultations on the U.S. missile defence programme and have agreed to commence a dialogue on politico-military affairs.

In addition, the two sides continue to expand and deepen their ongoing cooperation in combating terrorism through the institutional mechanism of the Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism.